not agree to the above project proposal. Therefore, it has not been possible to take up this project for appraisal. Further, irrigation is a state subject and irrigation projects are planned, funded and implemented by the concerned State Governments from their own resources as per their own priorities.

Rehabilitation of people

1656. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether States of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra and Gujarat have submitted their requisite action taken report to the Government for rehabilitation of the people affected by Narmada Sardar Sarovar Project; and

(b) if so, the details of action taken by the NCA for granting permission for building piers of the dam?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI VINCENT PALA): (a) The Government of Madhya Pradesh (GOMP) and Gujarat (GOG) had submitted the Action Taken Reports (ATRs) for the present Sardar Sarovar Dam height i.e., EL 121.92m related to the building of the piers of dam. However, the Government of Maharashtra (GOM) has yet not submitted the ATRs concerning completion of resettlement works related to building of the piers of the dam.

(b) The proposal of GOG and GOMP for the construction of spillway piers to their full height and bridge and installation of gates (to be kept in raised position) was discussed in 73rd meeting of the Resettlement & Rehabilitation Sub-Group of NCA held on 9.2.2009 wherein, the sub-group has decided that the Committee constituted for the consultation with Grievance Redressal Authorities (GRAs) may expeditiously undertake consultation with the GRAs on the above proposal. The State Governments were also requested to submit requisite facts and data related to the present proposal alongwith the status of R&R at present level of dam i.e., EL 121.92 m to their GRAs and also to the NCA Secretariat.

Meanwhile, on the request of GOMP and GOG, the above proposal was further discussed in the 81st meeting of NCA held on 16.3.2009, wherein, it was decided by the Authority to obtain legal opinion of the Attorney General for India on whether permission for construction can be given by NCA without following the procedure given in the directions of Hon'ble Supreme Court order dated 18.10.2000 in the Writ Petition (Civil) No. 319 of 1994. In compliance to the decision of the NCA, the Ministry of Water Resources has submitted proposal to the Ministry of Law for soliciting opinion of Learned Attorney General for India in the matter.

The Ministry of Water Resources has received "Opinion" of the Attorney General for India in the second week of November 2009. The same is being placed in the next meeting of the NCA for deciding further course of action.